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Let's give gift

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NINE SILVER TRAYS and five gold candy dishes! In long-range planning, luxuries are a bride's dreams. But young wives at Iowa State who are housekeeping for the first time, say they find little need or use for these "silver-tray" luxuries. You'll please a bride more if you keep her current needs in mind when choosing her wedding gift.

With June just one month away, you may be picking out presents for some of your best friends who are brides-to-be. Choosing the "right" gift is a perplexing problem. Several Iowa State brides give hints to pass on to you.

Many brides would like to have you check with them before purchasing a gift. This may sound a bit mercenary, but, after all, as long as you're going to give a gift, you may as well give something the bride wants. Her check-list may save you the embarrassment of giving a tea kettle and then seeing five more tea kettles unwrapped at the wedding.

Your friend will probably have a list with vacuum sweeper to rolling pins, so you won't have any trouble in making a choice. The bride's lists usually go just to her close relatives or the groom's family, so you will have to ask to see it.

Brides don't want you to feel that an expensive gift is necessary. If you consider what the bride and groom will be doing the first two or three years, on their limited budget, you will give an immediately useful gift.

consider kitchen needs

The Iowa State bride wants kitchen equipment and lots of it. She'll be able to use a pressure cooker, toaster, waffle baker, electric mixer, steam iron, coffee maker and a deep fat fryer right away. One bride mentioned that she did not have another frying pan because she liked her electric frying pan so well. Utensils such as egg beaters, juicers, muffin tins, cake pans and spatulas are smart items for the new homemaker. And don't overlook the spice cupboard or the kitchen clock.

Linens rate high as wedding gifts. Electric blankets as well as bed spreads, in the bride's colors, are always welcome. Bathroom linens such as bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, bath mats and shower curtains are good gifts for the newlyweds.

If you still wonder if your gift is the right one just ask these questions:

Can the newlyweds use this gift now as they set up housekeeping?

a bride
will love
and use



Will the gift fit the space where they will be living?
If the couple travels, will the gift pack easily?

Have I checked with the bride's gift list to be sure of what she wants?

Wanted most of all are essentials which can be used right away. Don't let your friend be storing gifts she can't use. One bride mentions regretfully, "Thirteen boxes of gifts are stored in my home and there is a closet full at his folks."

It is also thoughtful to give a gift that reflects your personality. In years to come as the bride uses your gift she will recall that you gave it to her. If you know the bride well and the gift is something you like, she will probably always treasure your selection.

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Catch up on latest developments in a modern electric kitchen at the Household Equipment Open House. Kitchens will be set up to show you points to consider when choosing kitchen appliances. Chairman, Jane Wood, says that demonstrations on new lighting fixtures for home and study rooms will help to bring you up to date in this field.

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